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1. ON BASIS REFTELS, AMBASSADOR BRUCE ANNOUNCED TO NAC ON MAY 5 THAT STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BEGIN A BRIEF WORKING RECESS AFTER THE MAY 7 PLENARY MEETING. BRUCE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT, SUBJECT TO FINAL WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION, AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WOULD CONSULT IN THE COUNCIL ON MAY 7 ON LATEST SALT DEVELOPMENTS. AMBASSADOR BRUCE ALSO INFORMED PERM-REPS THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WAS OPERATING ON A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE WHICH MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE COUNCIL TO MEET AT 2:30 P.M. SO THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON COULD DEPART FOR WASHINGTON AT APPROXIMATELY 4 P.M.

2. ACTING SYG PANSA NOTED THAT THE IS HAD ALREADY CALLED THE NAC INTO SESSION AT THE ABOVE TIME.

3. PECK (UK) NOTED THAT THE EUROGROUP WOULD BE MEETING IN LONDON ON MAY 7 AND THAT EUROGROUP-MEMBER NATO DELS WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT SALT CONSULTATIONS BY DCMS AND EXPERTS.

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4. CATALANO (ITALY) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO AMBASSADOR JOHNSON FOR BRIEFING NAC DESPITE VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE. HE ADDED THAT DURING THE MAY 7 CONSULTATIONS OTHER NATO DELS MIGHT WISH TO PRESENT SOME IDEAS.

5. COUNCIL DEAN DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID HE HOPED ABSENCE OF EUROGROUP PERMREPS WOULD NOT LEAD AMBASSADOR JOHNSON TO BELIEVE THAT ALLIES WERE IN ANY WAY LESS THAN APPRECIATIVE OF OR DISINTERESTED IN SALT CONSULTATIONS. PANSA REPLIED THAT THE CHAIRMAN AT MAY 7 MEETING WOULD EXPRESS TO AMBASSADOR JOHNSON THE EUROGROUP PERMREPS' REGRET AT BEING ABSENT. PANSA ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED AMBASSADOR JOHNSON ALREADY UNDERSTOOD THAT SEVERAL PERMREPS HAD A PRIOR COMMITMENT FOR MAY 7.

6. DE ROSE (FRANCE) NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT REPRESENT A EUROGROUP MEMBER, HE ALSO REGRETTED THAT PREVIOUSLY PLANNED CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS WOULD FORCE HIM TO BE ABSENT FROM THE MAY 7 SALT CONSULTATIONS. BRUCE

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